THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. USHA SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules had been circulated at the draft stage amongst the Officers' Association and Unions. The comments/reactions received in response thereto were kept in view while finalising and notifying these Rules, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(c) The existing rules which were notified on 4.3.1985 take care of overall benefits of the employees of ITDC. In keeping with the instructions issued by the Government on the subject from time to time, the rules are/will be amended as and when required

Benefits to farmers due to declaration of coconut as oilseed

1115 SHRI M.A. BABY. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut have been declared as oil-seed;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the benefits to be received by the coconut-growers due to this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No notification has been issued. We have informed all the State Governments and U Ts and other concerned agencies vide Department's letter No 14-21/87-CA I (HA) dated 15-10-90, about the decisions of the Union Government to declare coconut as an oil seed of tree origin.

(c) During the current year no additional benefits will accrue to the coconut growers on account of it being declared as an oil seed. However, the programmes taken up for development of coconut by the Coconut Development Board during 1990-91 are detailed in the Annexure-[*See* Appendix CLVI Annexure No. 28]

Allotment of special quota of rice etc. to Kerala

1116 SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any special quota of rice, sugar and palm oil for Kerala considering the Christmas season, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN). (a) and (b) No specific additional allocations of rice and sugar have been made STC has supplied one rake of palmolein to Kerala Government in December, 1990.

Allotment of rice to Kerala

1117 SHRI M A BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state·

(a) what is the present rice allocation for Kerala; and

(b) the details of the rice allotted to Kerala from November, 1989 to November, 1990 month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN)· (a) The allocation of rice to Kerala for the month of January, 1991 is 1,42,500 tonnes.